

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment claims 1-122 will remain in this case with claims 1-83 and 87-122 withdrawn under a restriction requirement.

Claims 71-83 have been amended to correct a typographical error.

Restriction to one of the following inventions was required:

Group I: Claims 1-22 and 38-49, drawn to catheter /dilator apparatus;

Group II: Claims 23-37 and 50-57, drawn to method of removing material from body;

Group III: Claims 58-67 and 84-86, drawn to funnel catheter; species a: funnel catheter with tubes movable relative to each other, and species b: funnel catheter with balloon;

Group IV: Claims 68-69, drawn to method of using funnel catheter;

Group V: Claims 70-83 and 87-114, drawn to method of making; or

Group VI: Claims 115-122, drawn to anastomosis device.

Applicant elects group III, species b, **claims 84-86**.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0869, under Order No. GTEC 1002-1 US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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